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Applicant has received a European Search Report dated September 15, 2004 from a corresponding European application. This Search Report cites 2 references as Category X as well as other references cited as Category E and A. At least some of these references have not yet been considered by the U.S. Examiner. A copy of each of the references is attached. Applicant's representative certifies that the European Search Report was issued less than three months ago and indeed this European Search Report was received after the issuance of the Notice of Allowance in this case.

Patent Abstracts of Japan Bd. 016 Nr. 187 corresponding to JP 04025393 A has been cited in the corresponding European Search Report under Category X with regard to the

European claims 1-10, 13-16, 18, 20, 23 and 24. This reference discloses an industrial robot with input shaft of a speed reducer formed hollow coaxially with the output shaft of the speed reducer, fixing the detection shaft wherein one side is led to the output shaft until the input side with its penetrating through the hollow part of the input shaft and providing a detection piece at the other end of this detection shaft is provided. No copy of the corresponding JP04025939 reference is available to Applicant at this time.

U.S. Patent No. 4,592,697 A has been cited in the corresponding European Search Report under Category X with regard to the corresponding European claims 1-10, 13-17, 20, 23, and 24. This reference discloses a gravity off-setting device for mounted between a fixed point located above a pivotable point of the rocking arm at a predetermined distance and substantially in vertical alignment therewith, and an arbitrary point on the rocking arm, the gravity balancing device including a compression spring having a spring constant K of a value corresponding to the load W at the arbitrary point as divided by the distance A , and a free length corresponding to the sum of the length l between the fixed and the arbitrary points and the initial set length l' of the compression spring, and adapted to apply a counter-balancing tensile force varying in proportion to the distance between the fixed and arbitrary points. A copy of this reference is enclosed and is in English.

EP 1 172 182 A has been cited in the corresponding European Search Report under Category E with respect to claims 1-10, 13-15, 20, 23, and 24. This reference discloses a traction drive speed reducer which comprises circumscribed axes, a plurality of intermediate axes arranged contracting around outer peripheral of the circumscribed axes, and inscribed

cylinders inscribing the outer peripheral of the intermediate axes, in which a supporting member to rotatably support the intermediate axes is fixed, a drive motor is connected to at least one of the plurality of intermediate axes, and an output is taken from the circumscribed axes having the larger diameter than the outer diameter of the intermediate axes. This reference is in English and a copy is enclosed.

U.S. 5,203,748 A has been cited in the corresponding European Search Report under Category A with regard to claim 1. This reference discloses a planetary roller speed reducer including a sun roller mounted rotatably on a pedestal and a plurality of planetary rollers having a central portion with a narrowed diameter and mounted rotatably on the pedestal. This reference is in English and a copy is enclosed.

As the references are material, it is requested that the references be considered. However, as the references only add art already considered by the Examiner material which does not teach or suggest the invention as now claimed or technological background prior art, it is asserted that the claims as allowed patentably define over the prior art cited in the Office Action dated January 21, 2004.

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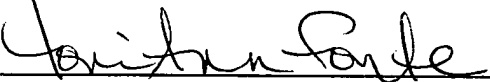
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